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SANCTIONS IMPOSED AGAINST INDIAN SCIENCE LABS
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the position of sanctions imposed against Indian Science Laboratories and Scientists by various countries after the nuclear tests conducted during May, 1998;

(b) whether these sanctions have been relaxed due to change in the relation between India and the USA ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ;

(d) whether the scientific progress of our country has been affected adversely due to these sanctions ;

(e) if so, the names of the affected areas ; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government for being self-reliant in the field of Science and Technology?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

a), b) and c) - After the nuclear tests conducted during May 1998, some countries imposed sanctions, primarily in the form of suspension / delays in foreign aid (loans and grants). USA announced restrictive economic measures in May 1998 followed by a notification of specific measures in June 1998. In November 1998 USA notified 40 Indian entities along with 200 subordinate entities to be covered by export restrictions. In December 1999, 51 subordinate entities have been removed from the entities list.

d), e), and f) - There has been no perceptible adverse effect on the scientific progress of the country due to the sanctions. India maintains that unilateral restrictions against India are unjustified and counter productive and should be completely lifted. Our institutions are geared to overcome constraints through indigenous development and by procurement through alternate sources.